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KING EDWARD.

His Majesty King Edward VII., who celebrates the sixty-eight anniversary of his birth today, an event which will be also celebrated by his millions of loyal subjects throughout the world, is entering upon what seems likely to be the most momentous year of his reign. At home he faces a probable clash between a socialistic house of commons and a reactionary house of lords, a clash which may result in radical changes in the British constitution. Abroad he sees through British eyes an activity in navy yards and arsenals, believed to be an activity actuated by hostility to the tight little island. In British navy yards he hears the nervous hum of preparation to beat back a coming foreign foe; in camp and barracks he sees feverish preparation for the day when it is feared Britain must grapple with her enemies and fight to a finish for her very existence.

In this great work he is doing his part, proving himself the king among his people. Throughout Europe he has been laying the foundations for alliances to checkmate the threatened advances. Russia, Spain, Portugal, France, and Italy he has won; Norway and Denmark are bound to his fate through ties of blood. His diplomatic efforts have been to encircle Germany and Austria with his friends and the friends of Great Britain. How well he has succeeded is heard in the defense of Germany for her naval program, that she has been isolated and must prepare to defend her own against the day that Great Britain and France will let loose upon her the dogs of war.

Edward has been a great factor in promoting abroad friendship for Great Britain, which only a few years ago, before the dreadnought period, gloried in her splendid isolation. At present, however, his greatest work appears to be within the limits of his home kingdom. In the empire beyond the seas the only spirit of unrest exists in India and Egypt, and there this spirit has never been wholly absent. Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa are ready to spring at once to the aid of the mother country should she call; the numerous minor possessions give no cause for anxiety to Downing Street. The situation between the two houses of parliament presents the greatest problem for the King, a situation he is earnestly endeavoring to meet and overcome in the interest of his country. If tact can bring the factions to a common understanding, King Edward can be relied upon to relieve the tension.

Edward is now within two years of the span of life allotted to man by the prophet. During the past year he has begun to show the effect of the strenuous political activity he is called upon to exercise, but is still hale and hearty, and there is nothing to show that he will not live to the age attained by his honored mother, Victoria.

In the hearts of his people he is held in the highest respect and veneration; in the eyes of the world he is a kingly figure, prominent as one of the great diplomats of the world.

Americans can well afford today to join their British brethren in the toast "God Save the King."

KUHIO'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

The definite announcement of Prince Kuhio, made yesterday, that he would again offer himself for the Republican nomination as delegate to congress, will be received with satisfaction by the members of the party and those who desire to see the Territory represented at Washington by one peculiarly fitted for the post, as his nomination should be, in fact, tantamount to his election.

The Delegate's announcement has not been made too soon. It is the desire of those who realize that Republican success a year from now is dependent upon a reunited Republican party, to have at the head of that party one upon whom all factions may unite in supporting. At this particular time, and the same would be true a year from now, the necessity of having to secure another candidate for congress would prevent that solidity of the party ranks most essential for the success of the party and the general good of the Territory.

The value of Kuhio's work in Washington has been too clearly demonstrated to need any elaboration at this time. That his worth is recognized at the capital as well as at home has been evidenced in the expressions of opinion made here by the members of two visiting congressional delegations, by those from Hawaii who have visited Washington during the past few years, and, most emphatically, by the manner in which congress responds to his efforts in the Territory's behalf.

The Delegate's announcement clears the air. Now the way is plain for the party workers to unite under his leadership and, through organization and the nomination of proper candidates, win back in the counties that which has been lost.

AMERICAN BOARD CENTENNIAL.

Hawaii is interested deeply in the plans of the American Board, which has just concluded its centennial meeting in Minneapolis, a meeting marking one hundred years of work, lacking a few months. For years Hawaii has not come within the active sphere of influence of the American Board, the Hawaiian Board, the offspring of the older organization, having assumed the burden here and in much of the Pacific, yet it was to Hawaii that the American Board owed its origin and to the American Board that Hawaii owes much that it is.

Just one hundred years ago, Opukahaia sailed from "Owhyhee" for Boston with Captain Brintnall. His conversion, his baptism under the name of Jeremiah Obadiah, and the interest he created in New England led to the laying of the foundation of a work that has taken in not only the land of Opukahaia, but the whole world.

Through him was founded the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Beginning in the summer of 1806, when five students of Williams College held a prayer meeting under a haystack, where they had sought refuge from a storm, its annual budget is larger today than any university in the United States, with but one exception. These five young men prayed for the evangelization of the world and that the Christian people of America might be aroused to obey the last command of Christ.

Samuel J. Mills, their leader, in discussing at that meeting the practicality of the movement, uttered the words which have since become famous throughout the world, "We can do it, if we will." Later these students formed themselves into a brotherhood and pledged their lives to missionary service in foreign fields.

The first formal meeting of the board was held September 5, 1810, when five Christian men, four clergymen and a layman, met around a small mahogany table in the parlor of the home of Dr. Noah Porter at Farmington, Connecticut. The society had been organized in the preceding June by the Massachusetts General Association of Congregational Churches at Bradford. The purpose of the organization was that the "young men of the haystack" and others who had followed them into foreign missionary fields might be sent out by some constituted authority and assured support.

From that group of five men have sprung forty-five societies organized to carry the Gospel to the people of foreign lands. These societies today have 5117 missionaries, employ 27,319 native preachers and workers, occupy 11,515 stations, enroll 672,163 church members, adding nearly 100,000 new members each year, raise annually more than \$9,000,000, and native Christians contribute in addition \$1,564,981.

Every land is reached by these American societies, and, after a century of work and experiment, it is the proud boast of the board that "the cause of Christian missions is so thoroughly established as to assure the ultimate bringing of the world to Christ."

The American Board itself is conducting twenty separate missions in India, China, Japan, Turkey, Africa, Spain, Austria, Mexico, and the islands of the Pacific. There are a total of 583 life missionaries, with fifty-two assistants. They occupy 107 stations and teach and preach in twenty-seven different languages. Associated with them are 4564 native preachers and teachers and other paid workers. The objective of establishing native churches which shall be self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating, has advanced to 584 churches, enrolling 78,761 communicants and 122,118 adherents. The additions to church membership last year were 2914.

The American Board has established the most extensive system of mission schools in the world, enrolling as high as 70,000 pupils in a year. They are classified as follows: Theological and training seminaries, 15; colleges, 15; high schools, 144; common schools, 1209. It has also seventy-one hospitals and dispensaries in the charge of able physicians and trained nurses. Industrial training is an important feature. The translation and printing of religious literature for the foreign fields is a gigantic enterprise in itself.

COMRADES SAW BOY
SINK TO HIS DEATHThought Lad Was Diving for
Crabs and Aid Comes
Too Late.

The following account of the drowning of one of the boys at the Industrial School at Waialea reached Superintendent Babbitt yesterday:

"Tai Kai, a part-Hawaiian boy, was drowned here on the 6th, while bathing in the sea. Every effort was made to resuscitate him but without avail. The doctor was called and he at once pronounced him dead. The sheriff of the district will be notified today but the doctor says it will not be necessary to hold an inquest. The boy was sent to the school from Makawao, December 11, 1907.

"His father is Chinese and his mother was Hawaiian. She is now dead and the boy did not seem to know much about them beyond this. No one ever wrote to him or made any inquiries about him.

"No one seems to be to blame for the accident. One of the teachers was with the boys and four boys were on watch as usual. The boy was a good swimmer and was in deep water, although not far out. Some boys saw him go down but thought he was diving for crabs. The accident occurred at 3:30 in the afternoon."

KUHIO MAKES
STATEMENT PUBLIC

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consent to another nomination. This pressure has come from many sides, especially after the members of the last congressional party had strongly advised those with whom they came in contact to send Kuhio back again for another term, at least.

It was understood that business reasons had much to do with the desire of the Delegate to retire from politics, but events have evidently so shaped themselves that he is able to once more consider a nomination.

At this particular time, when the Republican party has need of all its combined strength to regain any of the ground it has lost in the past two elections, the party leaders express particular satisfaction at Kuhio's announcement, it being realized that with him at the head of the ticket the party chances are multiplied.

In making his announcement, the Delegate said yesterday:

"I have been thinking for some time about running again as candidate for delegate to congress, and after studying the situation for a considerable time, I have decided to run again, provided I am nominated by the Republican party.

"A large number of my friends, many of whom are business men, have been urging me to run in the past, but as I was not positive of my position then, I said nothing. Today I have announced my intention to run."

STEAMER WRECKED.

(By Associated Press.)

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